

Remark

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended.

Claims 1, 3, 9, 18 and 23-25 have been amended. No claims have been canceled.

Therefore, claims 1-7, 9-18 and 20-25 are now presented for examination.

Objection to the Specification

The Examiner has objected to the disclosure for lack of a "Summary of the Invention." Applicants would like to kindly point out that both the M.P.E.P. and 37 C.F.R. §1.73 do not require the presence of a "Summary of the Invention" in a patent application. They merely indicate where in the application the "Summary of the Invention" should be placed if Applicants were to elect to include one.

In particular, 37 C.F.R. §1.73 only states that "[a] brief summary of the invention ... should precede the detailed description." 37 CFR § 1.73 does not state "must" or "shall." Accordingly, Applicants have elected not to include a "Summary of the Invention" as this is within the discretion of Applicants..

35 U.S.C. §103 Rejection,

Drucker

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 8-15 and 17-24 under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Drucker, U.S. Patent No. 6,292,796 ("Drucker"). Claims 1 has been amended to incorporate limitations similar to those in Claim 15. The Examiner suggests that it would be obvious to parse hypertext links to generate search queries

based on a the use of natural language searching in Drucker. However, the standing search of Drucker is made up of search terms that have specifically been selected for use in searching. Hypertext links are designed only to serve as an address or URL to another site or page.

Applicants respectfully submit that the cited art fails to suggest any use for hypertext links other than to address a site or page and that it is not obvious to use hypertext links for generating queries. The text of hypertext links depends completely on the whim of the web page designer. The text can be arbitrary and often nonsensical. The text of hyperlinks on the USPTO home page (www.uspto.gov) range from very understandable, such as www.uspto.gov/main/newsandnotices.htm for News and Notices to very cryptic, such as www.uspto.gov/ebc/ebcindex.htm for Online Business. In many web sites, the hypertext is not readily understandable, such as www.european-patent-office.org/win_net.htm for Patent Information Centers. In other web sites, the hypertext is an alphanumeric code which has no particular meaning outside of addressing a page within the web site.

As a result, hypertext links are not commonly used as sources of information. Instead metadata associated with a page or the content of the page itself is used. Applicants respectfully submit that it is novel and nonobvious to parse hypertext links into words and apply those words as search query terms. This would not necessarily provide a more feasible and satisfying search as suggested by the Examiner. However, it is believed to provide a new source of information to be used for generating queries.

The amendments above incorporate limitations regarding generating queries using hypertext links into all of the claims. Accordingly, all claims are believed to be allowable for the reasons provided above.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections have been overcome by the amendment and remark, and that the claims as amended are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the rejections be withdrawn and the claims as amended be allowed.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

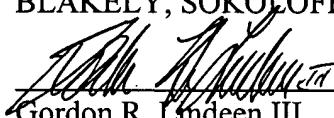
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Version with Markings to Show Changes Made
Insertions are underlined, deletions are stricken.

1. (Twice Amended) A method comprising:

generating a search query for a user by parsing hypertext links selected by the user into words and performing an analysis on the parsed words;

transmitting the generated a search query to a ~~World Wide Web~~ site over a network the Internet;

receiving a search result document from the ~~World Wide Web~~ site, the search result document comprising a plurality of search result entries; and

filtering the plurality of search result entries by:

comparing each search result entry with the search query, and

selecting a subset of the plurality of search result entries based on the comparison.

3. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said generating the query further comprises ~~comprising~~: generating the query based on the intent of the user as indicated by computer usage.

9. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the search query is tailored to search requirements of a ~~the~~ World Wide Web site.

18. (Twice Amended) A machine-readable medium containing instructions stored thereon, which when executed cause a processor to:

construct a plurality of queries comprising words for a plurality of predetermined World Wide Web sites by parsing hypertext links selected by a user into words and performing an analysis on the parsed words;

transmit the plurality of queries to the plurality of predetermined World Wide Web sites over the Internet;

receive a plurality of documents from the plurality of predetermined sites via the Internet, each document of the plurality of documents comprised of one or more search result entries, each search result entry of the one or more search result entries comprising a link to a site;

compare at least a portion of each of the one or more search result entries from each document with an applicable query of the plurality of queries;

select search result entries based on the comparison; and

construct a document comprising the selected search result entries.

23. (Twice Amended) A computer system comprising:

a processor;

a network connection;

storage medium containing thereon stored instructions which when executed cause the processor to:

generate a search query for a user by parsing hypertext links selected by the user into words and performing an analysis on the parsed words;

transmit the generated a search query to a World Wide Web site over the Internet;

receive a search result document from the World Wide Web site, the search result document comprising a plurality of search result entries; and filter the plurality of search result entries by: comparing compare each search result entry with the search query, and selecting select a subset of the plurality of search result entries based on the comparison.

24. (Amended) The computer system of claim 23, wherein the stored instructions ~~which~~ when executed further cause the processor to: generate a summary document comprised of the subset of the plurality of search result entries; and display the summary document.

25. (Amended) The method of claim 24, wherein the stored instructions ~~which~~ when executed further cause the processor to: generate the query based on the intent of the user as indicated by computer usage.